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| Inventors:   | <b>George Morrison, William Dubrul,<br/>and Robert Laird</b> |             |                           |
| SC/Serial No.:   | <b>10/045,657</b>  |             |                           |
| Confirm. No.:  | <b>9884</b>  |             |                           |
| Filed:   | <b>7 November 2001</b>                                       |             |                           |
| Title:   | <b>TISSUE SEPARATOR ASSEMBLY AND METHOD</b>                  |             |                           |
| Group Art Unit: 3739   |  |             |                           |
| <b>Customer No. 22470</b>                                      |  |             |                           |

Petition under 37 CFR § 1.47 (a)

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

One of the joint inventors, Robert Laird, refuses to join in the subject application for patent. After a series of unproductive attempts to contact Robert Laird regarding this application, Robert Laird responded by sending John Scholl, Vice President of R&D for the assignee of this application, Artemis Medical, Inc., an e-mail, attached as exhibit A, indicating his refusal to join in the application.

Robert Laird's last known address is: Robert Laird, 2325 Monte Vista Drive, Pinole, California 94564.

Check No. 1897, including the petition fee under 37 § CFR 1417 (h) of \$130, is forwarded with this Petition.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 50-0869. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYNES BEFFEL &amp; WOLFELD LLP

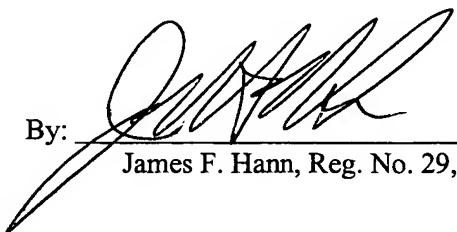
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**Exhibit A****John Scholl**

**From:** Rob [rob@corazon-inc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2002 12:42 PM  
**To:** John Scholl  
**Subject:** Re Power of Attorney

John,

In regards to my signing of the Patent Application Power of Attorney, I must say that I feel strongly compelled not to sign it. After seeing how little regard you've shown for my contributions and commitment to Artemis in the past. As well as your displayed "Fairness" in dealing with my employment there, I feel no moral obligation to assist you or the company in any way. For these reasons, if you must have my signature I will only consider it if I'm compensated.

Regards,

Rob Laird